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In re patent application of

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Species I, Figures 1 to 5B, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-11 and 24-29 are readable on the elected species. The examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 27 appear generic.

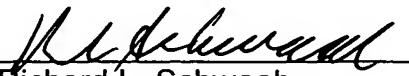
Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Applicants understand that the full 3 month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action was given by the Examiner and therefore this response is timely filed.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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